

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7 and 9-15 are rejected. Claims 17-20 were previously cancelled. Claims 1 and 9 are amended; no new matter is added. The title is amended as well.

Claims 1, 4-7, 9 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Koishi et al., hereinafter (“Koishi”), (U.S. Patent No. 6,157,518). Claims 2-3 and 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koishi, (U.S. Patent No. 6,157,518). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

First, Applicants would like to gratefully acknowledge the Office Action’s indication that claims 8 and 16 contain allowable subject matter. *See* Office Action dated 4/17/2007, paragraph 7.

Applicants submit the cited Koishi reference does not teach or suggest at least “[a] slider for high density magnetic recording, comprising... a body with a width of 1.0mm or smaller and a length greater than 0.85mm and a thickness of 0.23mm or less, wherein the length to the width ratio is greater than 1.5 ...”(e.g., as described in claim 1).

In forwarding its current rejection, the Office Action cites to column 5, lines 43-45, which state: “The slider 50A has a size of 1.25 mm.times.0.25-0.75 mm (air inlet end).times.1 mm (air outlet end) and a thickness of 0.3 mm.” The cited section fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 1. Applicants submit that similar to this section, the entire Koishi reference fails to teach or suggest each and every limitation of claim 1.

Since each and every limitation of claim 1 is not taught by the cited Koishi reference, the current §102(b) rejection of claim 1 is lacking and should be withdrawn. Applicants submit

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claim 1 is allowable; claim 9 contains similar allowable limitations, and therefore is allowable as well. Claims 2-8 and 10-16 are allowable for depending from allowable base claims.

It is believed that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance, and early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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